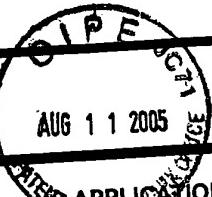


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Dear Sir:

Please accept Applicant's preliminary amendments to the drawings and to the specification. All four drawing sheets have been changed, thereby requiring the submission of four replacement drawing sheets. The amendments to the specification are being submitted in the form of marked-up replacement paragraphs. The paragraph numbering has been taken from the pre-grant publication US 2005/0136215 A1 published on June 23, 2005. In submitting these amendments, no new matter has been introduced into the Present Application.

Amendments to the Drawings:

- SHEET 1: Figures 1 and 2 -- The numerals have been changed to better comply with USPTO requirements.
- SHEET 2: Figures 3 and 4 -- The numerals have been changed to better comply with USPTO requirements.
- SHEET 3: Figures 5 and 6 -- The numerals have been changed to better comply with USPTO requirements.
- FIG. 6 -- Rightmost connecting band has been repositioned to reflect correct orientation.